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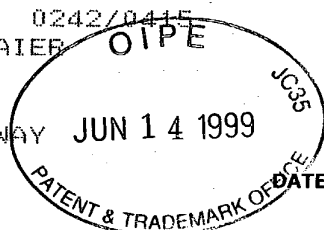
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☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

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Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

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☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

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☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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FILED: March 26, 1999

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FOR: FIXING DEVICE USING A BELT FOR AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Patent Office is requested to provide a corrected Official Filing Receipt for the attached. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

No fees are required. However, in the event that a fee is required, please charge the appropriate amount to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Filed: March 26, 1999  
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FORMING APPARATUS

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

- Notice to File Missing Parts
- Filing of Declaration/Declaration
- Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt w/Attachment

Our check in the amount of \$    .00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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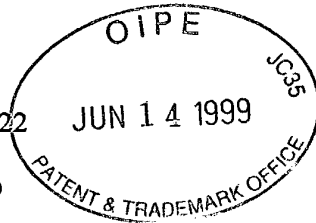
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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(F)

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Sir:

Responsive to the notification dated April 15, 1999, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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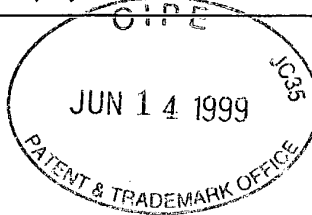


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TITLE

FIXING DEVICE USING A BELT FOR AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY CLASS: 399

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